

GOD IS _____

Part 14: God is Here

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. – A. W. Tozer

God is here.

When the Holy Spirit shows up:

There is unity

...they were all together in one place... – *Acts 2:1*

The extraordinary happens

...a sound like the blowing of violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues..." – *Acts 2:2-4*

There is understanding

...a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. – *Acts 2:6*

The ordinary becomes extraordinary

Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? – *Acts 2:7*

Barriers are destroyed

...Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs... – *Acts 2:9-11*

There is skepticism

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." – *Acts 2:13*

Prophecy makes sense (*Acts 2:17-21*)

Jesus is the bold focus

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." – *Acts 2:22-24*

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History bears witness to the truth

...Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. – *Acts 2:36* (See also verses 25-35)

There is conviction

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” – *Acts 2:37*

There is a call toward transformation

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sin. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” – *Acts 2:38*

People learn, gather, eat, pray, see miracles

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. – *Acts 2:42-43*

Physical and spiritual needs are met

All the believers were together and had everything in common. – *Acts 2:44*

People sacrifice

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. – *Acts 2:45*

People connect

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... – *Acts 2:46*

The city notices

...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. – *Acts 2:47a*

The movement grows

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. – *Acts 2:47b*

Small Group Questions

- 1) What are your summer plans for rest, work and play?
- 2) How do you know when God is present?
- 3) What is your personal view of the spiritual gift of tongues? (I speak in tongues; I don’t speak in tongues; I would like to speak in tongues; It weirds me out; etc.)
- 4) How are you living out Pentecost in your everyday life?
- 5) Which part of the account is the most important? Why?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?